

wireless broadband services. This will help the American economy by promoting jobs and education. The Universal Service Fund provision will fix an accounting glitch that if left unattended will seriously impede the USF as it goes about its critical work. Again, these uncontroversial provisions were held up and almost failed because of this obstructionism.

All of these bills were hijacked and sidetracked, in order to coerce the passage of a bill that everyone knew would not pass the House. I am thankful that the telecommunications legislation was eventually able to pass, but what does it mean that the telecommunications bill became law, while the intellectual property bill is left unfinished? It seems those responsible for this obstruction do not take the needs of America's innovative leaders very seriously. That attitude will undermine the American economy, and threaten America's leadership in the creative industries. So, because of this Republican roadblock, America's innovators and artists will have to struggle through more uncertainty, without the tools they need to defend their rights. That is a shame.

ADDITIONAL STATEMENTS

HONORING THE NORTHERN STATE MARCHING WOLVES

• Mr. JOHNSON. Mr. President, I publicly congratulate the Northern State University Marching Wolves on being selected to march in the Presidential Inaugural Parade on January 20, 2005. Northern State University has been an integral part of Aberdeen, SD, for the past century. The Marching Wolves were founded by Harvey Moen in 1941 and have represented Northern State University well for the past six decades. Today they are led by Dr. Alan LaFave, the Director of Bands at Northern State University, and Mr. Boyd Perkins, the Director of the Marching Wolves.

The tradition of the Inaugural Parade is as old as the office of the President; as George Washington traveled from Mount Vernon to New York for his swearing in, militia members began to walk behind him, joined by government officials and Members of Congress once he arrived in New York on April 30, 1789. In 1801 Thomas Jefferson was the first President to be Inaugurated in Washington, DC, and Members of Congress and citizens walked with him from the Capitol to the White House to music played by the Marine Band. The Marine Band has played in the Inaugural Parade every year since.

Though this will be the first time the Marching Wolves will participate in the Inaugural Parade, they have performed previously at professional football games and regional marching band competitions. The band is comprised of 125-130 students, making it one of the largest student groups at Northern

State University. They rehearse daily during football season, and their members show great dedication to this remarkable organization. The band rehearses 5 days a week for an hour and a half during the fall semester. In order to prepare for the parade, they will be practicing an additional 3 days and 2 nights before the spring semester begins. The Marching Wolves have a great tradition of leadership within their band which has served them well.

It is an honor to be chosen to perform in the Presidential Inaugural Parade, and I am proud to have the Northern State University Marching Wolves representing South Dakota. It is no surprise that an organization with the passion and dedication of the Marching Wolves was chosen for this privilege. It is with great honor that I share this impressive accomplishment with my colleagues.●

RECOGNITION OF COLORADO'S PROFESSORS OF THE YEAR

• Mr. ALLARD. Mr. President, I wish to congratulate Robert von Dassanowsky and Carl Wieman for being selected by the Carnegie Foundation for the Advancement of Teaching and the Council for Advancement of Support Education as this year's U.S. Professors of the Year.

Robert von Dassanowsky, Ph.D., is associate professor and chair of Languages and Cultures and director of Film Studies at the University of Colorado, Colorado Springs. A widely published literary and film historian, Dr. Dassanowsky is founding VP of the Austrian American Film Association, which promotes scholarly and production activities between the two nations.

Carl Wieman, Ph.D., is a physicist at the University of Colorado at Boulder. In 2001, Dr. Wieman was honored with the Nobel Prize in Physics. He gives approximately 60 talks a year on the topic of physics research and science education.

This recognition represents the culmination of a great deal of hard work and determined effort. It acknowledges their dedication to teaching and commitment to students. They should be very proud of this honor.

Now more than ever, our Nation needs the skills and talents of college professors like Robert von Dassanowsky and Carl Wieman. They understand the importance of a well-rounded college education for students if we are to produce the next generation of leaders. We are very grateful for all they do to make a difference. Their effort is greatly appreciated.

Congratulations again to two of Colorado's outstanding citizens.●

MESSAGES FROM THE PRESIDENT

Messages from the President of the United States were communicated to the Senate by Ms. Evans, one of his secretaries.

EXECUTIVE MESSAGES REFERRED

As in executive session the Presiding Officer laid before the Senate messages from the President of the United States submitting sundry nominations which were referred to the appropriate committees.

(The nominations received today are printed at the end of the Senate proceedings.)

EXECUTIVE AND OTHER COMMUNICATIONS

The following communications were laid before the Senate, together with accompanying papers, reports, and documents, and were referred as indicated:

EC-1. A message from the President of the United States, transmitting, a report concurring with the Congress in the designation of two provisions totaling \$100 million provided in the Consolidated Appropriations Act 2005; to the Committee on Appropriations.

EC-2. A message from the President of the United States, transmitting, pursuant to Public Law 106-256, the U.S. Ocean Action Plan, a report and statement of proposals prepared by the Council on Environmental Quality in response to the Commission on Ocean Policy's final recommendations; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-3. A communication from the Director of the Federal Register, National Archives, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report relative to the Certificates of Ascertainment of the electors of the President and Vice President of the United States; ordered to lie on the table.

SUBMISSION OF CONCURRENT AND SENATE RESOLUTIONS

The following concurrent resolutions and Senate resolutions were read, and referred (or acted upon), as indicated:

By Mr. FRIST (for himself and Mr. REID):

S. Res. 1. A resolution informing the President of the United States that a quorum of each House is assembled; considered and agreed to.

By Mr. FRIST (for himself and Mr. REID):

S. Res. 2. A resolution informing the House of Representatives that a quorum of the Senate is assembled; considered and agreed to.

By Mr. FRIST (for himself and Mr. REID):

S. Res. 3. A resolution fixing the hour of daily meeting of the Senate; considered and agreed to.

By Mr. FRIST (for himself, Mr. REID,

Mr. LUGAR, Mr. BIDEN, Mr. AKAKA, Mr. ALEXANDER, Mr. ALLARD, Mr. ALLEN, Mr. BAUCUS, Mr. BAYH, Mr. BENNETT, Mr. BINGAMAN, Mr. BOND, Mrs. BOXER, Mr. BROWNBACK, Mr. BUNNING, Mr. BURNS, Mr. BURR, Mr. BYRD, Ms. CANTWELL, Mr. CARPER, Mr. CHAFEE, Mr. CHAMBLISS, Mrs. CLINTON, Mr. COBURN, Mr. COCHRAN, Mr. COLEMAN, Ms. COLLINS, Mr. CONRAD, Mr. CORNYN, Mr. CORZINE, Mr. CRAIG, Mr. CRAPO, Mr. DAYTON, Mr. DEMINT, Mr. DEWINE, Mr. DODD, Mrs. DOLE, Mr. DOMENICI, Mr. DORGAN, Mr. DURBIN, Mr. ENSIGN, Mr. ENZI, Mr. FEINGOLD, Mrs. FEINSTEIN, Mr. GRAHAM, Mr. GRASSLEY, Mr. GREGG, Mr. HAGEL, Mr. HARKIN, Mr. HATCH, Mrs. HUTCHISON, Mr. INHOFE,